

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 3 with the following paragraph:

U.S. Pat. No. 2,740,403 describes a two-ply bandage having a closely woven outer fabric and an adhesive-coated open weave inner fabric. ~~Although the open weave fabric retains its porosity upon being coated with adhesive, the open weave fabric is only marginally more porous than the outer backing fabric, and the breathability of the bandage is not improved significantly.~~